Expansion of DD Network

†*192. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have implemented some schemes over the last years with a view to expanding the range of DD telecasts;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the expansion of Doordarshan during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 year-wise; and

(c) the extent of population covered in the country by March, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Expenditure incurred on expansion & modernisation of Doordarshan services during the last three years is as under:

1998-1999	Rs. 240.56 crores
1999-2000	Rs. 283.12 crores
2000-2001	Rs. 283.31 crores

(c) TV coverage was available to about 88.9% population of the country at the end of March, 2001.

Exclusion of Escorts Hospital and Research Centre under CGHS

*193. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for including six hospitals and excluding Escorts Hospital and Research Centre, (EHRC), Faridabad in the revised list *vide* OM No. Rec: 24/2001/JD(M)CGHS/DELHI CGHS(P)/1076-99, dated 25th October, 2001;

(b) whether any reaction has been received from EHRC thereon;

(c) the details of the representations received from individuals/organisations/associations for inclusion of EHRC; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR) : (a) CGHS beneficiaries were allowed to take treatment in 24 private hospitals recognised under CGHS Delhi as per Department of Health's O.M. dated 18.9.96 which included Escorts Heart and Medical Research Centre, Faridabad. In Novermber, 2000, tenders were called for fresh recognition of private hospitals under CGHS Delhi on the basis of which 55 private hospitals/ diagnostic centres were recognised *vide* Department of Health's O.M. dated 7.9.2001.

As Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi, Sunderlal Jain Hospital, New Delhi, Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, Batra Hospital & Medical Research Centre, New Delhi and Dharamshila Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, New Delhi, did not agree to the revised rates along with the terms and conditions offered by the Government in the tender document for fresh recognition, the said hospitals could not be considered for recognition and included in the said O.M. dated 7.9.2001. However, it has been decided for the benefit of CGHS beneficiaries that they can take treatment in these hospitals but reimbursement shall be restricted as per the package deal rates given in the Department of Health's earlier O.M. dated 18.9.96.

As Escorts Hospital & Research Centre, Faridabad, had not applied in response to the advertisement of CGHS in November, 2000 calling for fresh recognition of private hospitals, the said hospital has not been included in the orders dated 25.10.2001 issued by the CGHS.

(b) and (c) No representations have been received from Escorts Hospital & Research Centre, Faridabad, or from individuals, etc. in this regard.

(d) In view of (b) and (c) above, the question does not arise.

Scholarship and stipend to ST students

*194. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between a scholarship and a stipend granted to students belonging to scheduled tribe;

(b) who are entitled to receive such scholarships and stipends;

(c) the different rates of scholarships and stipends received by students belonging to scheduled tribes, State-wise, Subject-wise and sex-wise; and

(d) the restrictions and conditions, if any for granting post-matric scholarship or stipend to a student belonging to scheduled tribe?